

Letter of Interest
M.D.,J.D.

Michael B. Pesce,

My interest in running for the At-Large seat on the Medical Board is to give a voice, at the highest level, to the interests of all practicing South Carolina physicians across the state, and at the same time to assure that the technical and ethical standards we all embrace are upheld. My experience as an Ethics Chair has taught me numerous things but most importantly that physicians as a group are dedicated to the highest ideals of our oath and that each one of us, in our own way, honors and upholds the promises we made when we graduated from medical school. Having been a residency program director I also recognize that all of us have an obligation to teach and guide our newest colleagues along those same technical and ethical paths.

I have assumed many voluntary administrative roles throughout my long career, and I believe this will be a culmination of all those efforts. Physicians are called to more than healing in their careers, and being able to return some of the rewards of a healer's life by service to our own community and to the people of South Carolina only strengthen our position in society and the regard in which we are held by the public.

Michael B. Pesce, M.D., J.D.

CURRICULUM VITAE

MICHAEL BART PESCE, MD, JD

MEDICAL SPECIALTY

Anesthesiology

VITAL STATISTICS

Marital Status: Married, 2 adult children

Health: Excellent

EDUCATION

Secondary: Bishop Robert Armstrong High School,
Sacramento, California, June 1968

Undergraduate: University of California at Davis, Davis,
California, B.A. (Chemistry), June 1972

Medical: Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, New
York, M.D., June 1977

Legal: University of San Diego School of Law, San Diego,
California, J.D., December 1984

GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

Internship: University Hospital - UCSD Medical Center,
San Diego, California, Surgery, July 1977- June1978

Surgical Residency: University Hospital - UCSD Medical
Center, San Diego, California, July 1978- June1979

Anesthesiology Residency: George Washington University
Hospital, Washington, DC, July 1985- June1987

Chief Resident, Anesthesiology Residency: George
Washington University Hospital, Washington, DC, July 1986-
June 1987

CURRENT POSITIONS

Chairman, Department of Anesthesiology, Grand Strand
Regional Medical Center, Myrtle Beach, SC, January 2020 –
Present

CLINICAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Anesthesiology Residency Program Director, Grand Strand
Regional Medical Center, Myrtle Beach, SC, July 2018 –
December, 2021. (Founding Program Director - developed a
new ACGME approved anesthesia residency program.
Retired December 31, 2021)

Anesthesiology Residency Program Director, Kaweah Delta
Health Care District, Visalia, CA, August 2016 - June 2018
(Founding Program Director - developed a new ACGME
approved anesthesia residency program)

Chairman, Department of Anesthesia, Kaweah Delta Health
Care District, Visalia, CA, June 2015 – June 2018
(High Acuity Regional Medical Center with an anesthesia
staff of 40 providers and performing more than 18,000
anesthetics per year)

Medical Director of Anesthesia, Kaweah Delta Medical
Center, Visalia, CA, August 2014 – November 2017
(Busy Regional Teaching Hospital, Trauma Center, 18,500
Anesthetics, 5,000 deliveries, Residency Training Programs)

Medical Director, PRIME Pain Management Team, Kaweah
Delta Health Care District, Visalia, CA, January 2016 - June
2018 (Outpatient community based Pain Management
Services for low income clients)

Medical Director of Anesthesia, Atlanta Medical Center
Atlanta, GA, January 2013 – December 2014
(One of only two large urban Level 1 Trauma Centers in
Metropolitan Atlanta)

Chief Medical Officer, Anesthesia, ApolloMD
Atlanta, GA, January 2011 – December 2014
(Responsibilities Included: Recruiting, Credentialing,
Staffing, Retention, Implementation of Quality Improvement

Initiatives, Development of Quality Metrics, Standardization, Formulation of Best Practice Protocols, Coordinated Electronic Reporting of Clinical Outcome Data to National Data Clearinghouses, Marketing, Public Relations, Practice Management, Implementation of Electronic Medical Records under CMS' "meaningful use" Policy, Maintenance of Relationships with Professional Staff, Trainees, and a Variety of Teaching Programs, for all of ApolloMD's fifteen anesthesia practices in six states, comprising more than 150 physicians and physician-extenders.)

Medical Director and Chairman of Anesthesia
St. John's Episcopal Hospital, New York, NY, January 2012 - November 2013
(Large Urban Teaching Hospital in New York City)

Medical Director and Chairman of Anesthesia, Foyd Medical Center, Rome, GA, January 2010 – December 2014
(Anesthesia Staff of 40; 18,000 cases and 5,000 deliveries per year.)

Staff Anesthesiologist, Vail Valley Medical Center, Vail, CO, January 2012 – December 2014
(High Profile Professional and Olympic Athletes)

Chairman of Anesthesia and Medical Director, St. Mary Medical Center, Apple Valley, CA, January 2007 – December 2010
(Busy Community Hospital)

Century Anesthesia Associates, Beverly Hills, CA, June 2005 – December 2007
(Advanced Academic Spine Surgery in High Profile Entertainment Industry Patients)

President and CEO, Anesthesia Cooperative of Tallahassee, Tallahassee, FL, June 2003 – December 2005
(Community Hospital Anesthesia Group)

Director, Department of Anesthesiology, California Medical Center of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA, January 1990 – December 2003
(Large Urban Trauma Center)

Assistant Director, Department of Anesthesiology,
ValleyCare Medical Center, Pleasanton, CA, January 1994 –
December 1999

Assistant Medical Director, HealthSouth Surgery Center of
Charlotte, Charlotte, NC, June 1998 – July 1999

Medical Director, Department of Anesthesiology, Community
Hospital of San Bernardino, San Bernardino, CA, January
1994 – December 1998

Assistant Director, Department of Anesthesiology,
Spartanburg Regional Medical Center, Spartanburg, SC,
January 1991 – December 1992

Chairman, Department of Anesthesiology, Fresno
Community Hospital and Medical Center, Fresno, CA,
January 1988 – December 1988.

Staff Anesthesiologist, Clovis Community Hospital
Clovis, CA, January 1987 – December 1989

Practice of Emergency Medicine, Various Locations,
California, July 1978 – June 1985

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Clinical Faculty, Edward Via College of Osteopathic
Medicine, Blacksburg, VA, January 2018 - Present

Program Director, Anesthesiology Residency Program
Kaweah Delta Healthcare, Visalia, CA, January 2015 –
Present

Clinical Instructor, Anesthesiology & Peri-operative
Medicine, School of Medicine, Case Western Reserve
University School of Medicine, Cleveland, OH January 2013
– December 2015

Adjunct Professor of Bioethics, The Bioethics Institute,
Loyola-Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA January
2003 – December 2007
(Developed and Taught Courses in Bioethics and Healthcare
Law)

MEDICAL LICENSURE

South Carolina

California

New York

BOARD CERTIFICATION

American Board of Anesthesiology, 1989

RECERTIFICATION

Special Purpose Examination (SPEX), August 2014

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

American Society of Anesthesiologists

South Carolina Society of Anesthesiologists

Society for Education in Anesthesia

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Consultant, Southern California Edison Company
(Occupational and Industrial Health)

Consultant, Atlantic Nuclear Services Company
(Medical Service to the Nuclear Power Industry with Heavy
Emphasis on Regulatory Compliance)

Consultant, Blue Cross / Blue Shield of Florida
(Operational and Administrative Aspects of Anesthesia
Professional Services)

Consultant, Office of the Federal Public Defender,
Los Angeles, California
(Constitutionality of Lethal Injection and Death Penalty)

Appeals)

Private Pilot, Certificate Number 3318162

PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

- Regional Anesthesia & Pain Control
- Anesthesia Equipment & Electronics
- Ethical Aspects of Medical Practice

PUBLICATIONS

Pesce, M., Palacios, J., Mendenhall, B., Whitlow, K., Tse, J., Fong, D., Kahwaji, C., Solis, M., Salem, R., "Dangerous Poisonings and Recognition by the Primary Care Provider – What you should know," Published online December 2018, *Consultant 360* (Invited Peer Reviewed Article).

Pesce, M., "The Critical Procedure – Intercostal Nerve Block," *Critical Decisions in Emergency Medicine*: January 2017, 31(1), 12-13.

Pesce, M., (2017) "Palliative Sedation," *Anesthesiology Chapter*, StatPearls Publishing, LLC, St. Petersburg FL, PMID: 29262025

Pesce, M., (2107) "Tort," *Anesthesiology Chapter*, StatPearls Publishing, LLC, St. Petersburg FL, PMID: 28722982

Pesce, M., "Physician Participation in Executions," *Bulletin of the California Society of Anesthesiologists*, Spring 2006, 57-59.

EDITORSHIP

Chapter Editor, Palliative Sedation, Refusal of Care, Torts; StatPearls, <https://www.statpearls.com>

HCA Journal of Medicine, Advisory Board

INTERNATIONAL LECTURES PRESENTED

International Forum of Catholic Bioethicists, Brussels Belgium (*Various Topics in Contemporary Bioethics*) 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007

University of Basel, Basel, Switzerland (*The Uninsured in America*), 2007

Carlow College, Carlow, Republic of Ireland (*Care at the End of Life in Ireland and America: a Comparison*), 2006

University of Bologna School of Medicine, Bologna, Italy (*Physician Assisted Suicide in the United States*), 2005

Catholic University of Leuven, Leuven, Belgium (*Legal Aspects of Death and Dying in the United States*), 2004

PANELS PRESENTED

Florida State University, Tallahassee FL (*Medical, Legal, and Religious Aspects of the Terri Schiavo Case*) presented with Hon. Chief Justice Wells, Florida Supreme Court, Dr. Ronald Cranford (neurologist for Terri Schiavo), Professor James Walter (Loyola Marymount University), and the Schindler family (Terri's parents), 2005

The Death Penalty by Lethal Injection, The Bioethics Institute, Loyola Marymount University, 2007

COMMITTEE SERVICE

ASA's National Committee on Rural Access to Anesthesia Care, 3 year appointment from October 2017

ASA's National Committee on Palliative Care, adjunct member, 2 year appointment from October 2017

House of Delegates Representative District 5, California Society of Anesthesiologists (2018)

Institutional Review Board, Kaweah Delta Health Care District, 2016 – 2018

Executive Committee of the Medical Staff, Kaweah Delta Health Care District, 2015 – 2018

Chair, Bioethics Committee, Kaweah Delta Health Care District, 2015 – 2018

Committee on Graduate Medical Education, Kaweah Delta Health Care District, 2015 – 2018

Resident Learning Environment and Working Conditions Committee, Kaweah Delta Health Care District, 2015 – 2018

Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee, Kaweah Delta Health Care District, 2014 – 2018

Steering Committee on Implementation of Cerner Millennium EMR, 2014 – 2018

Surgical Services Governance Committee, Kaweah Delta Health Care District, 2014 – 2018

Trauma Operations Committee, Kaweah Delta Health Care District, 2014 – 2018

Trauma Peer Review Committee, Kaweah Delta Health Care District, 2014 – 2018

Steering Committee, Central California Regional Bioethics Conference, 2015

Interdisciplinary Practice Committee, Kaweah Delta Health Care District, 2014 – 2018

OTHER PAST COMMITTEE SERVICE

Committee on Medical Education, Saint John's Episcopal Hospital, New York City, NY, 2012 – 2013

Co-Chairman, Bioethics Committee, Floyd Medical Center, Rome GA, 2011 – 2012

OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

President and CEO, Michael Pesce & Associates
(Providing Contract Anesthesia Services in California, North
Carolina, South Carolina, Florida & Alabama 1990-2005)

President and CEO, Southeast Anesthesia Management
(Providing Contract Anesthesia Services to Blue Cross of
Florida) 2003-2005